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### FPPC Enforcement Decisions: December 9, 2004

The following are enforcement decisions approved by the Fair Political Practices Commission at its regular monthly meeting held in Sacramento on Dec. 9, 2004. Decisions are divided by category and include brief summaries of each case and the amount of the fines.

Additional information on each of the enforcement cases below can be found in the December agenda on the FPPC website at [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov). FPPC agendas are distributed and posted on the agency website 10 days prior to each monthly meeting.

The web version of the agenda includes links to the stipulations agreed to by the commission and by the individuals and organizations subject to the fines, or the default decisions ordered by the commission. Exhibits in support of the stipulations and default decisions are also available on the website. If you are unable to access the FPPC website, or need further assistance, please call the FPPC press office at 916-322-7761.

#### **Sending a Mass Mailing at Public Expense**

**In the Matter of the City of Inglewood, FPPC No. 01/112.** Staff: Senior Commission Counsel Julia Bilaver and Investigator III Leon Nurse-Williams. Respondent City of Inglewood sent 10 mass mailings at public expense that impermissibly featured various elected city officials, in violation of Government Code section 89001 (10 counts). \$50,000 fine.

#### **Reporting/Gift Limit Violation**

**In the Matter of Frank Aiello, FPPC No. 02/427.** Staff: Senior Commission Counsel Julia Bilaver and Investigator III Leon Nurse-Williams. As a member of the Pittsburg City Council, Respondent failed to disclose the source of a gift on four separate statements of economic interests, in violation of Government Code section 87207 (4 counts), and accepted two gifts in excess of the annual gift limit, in violation of Government Code section 89503, subdivision (a) (2 counts). \$20,000 fine.

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### **Campaign Reporting Violations**

**In the Matter of Louis Byrd, Committee to Elect Louis Byrd, Ianthe Byrd and Shirley Byrd, FPPC No. 02/189.** Staff: Commission Counsel Steven Meinrath and Investigator III Sandra Buckner. Respondent Louis Byrd is mayor of the City of Lynwood. Respondent Committee to Elect Louis Byrd is the controlled committee of Respondent Byrd. Respondents Ianthe Byrd and Shirley Byrd were the committee treasurers. Respondents Louis Byrd, Committee to Elect Louis Byrd, and Ianthe Byrd made campaign expenditures from a source other than the campaign bank account, in violation of Government Code section 85201 (1 count); Respondents Louis Byrd, Committee to Elect Louis Byrd, and Shirley Byrd failed to disclose required occupation and employer information regarding contributors, in violation of Government Code section 84211, subdivision (f) (3 counts), and failed to disclose a late contribution in a properly filed late contribution report, in violation of Government Code section 84203 (1 count). \$18,000 fine.

**In the Matter of Jerry Rindone, Jerry Rindone for City Council, and Sandra Hodge, FPPC No. 01/596.** Staff: Commission Counsel Jeffery A. Sly and Investigator III Sandra Buckner. Respondent Jerry Rindone was a successful candidate for a seat on the Chula Vista City Council during the 2000 general election. Respondent Sandra Hodge was the treasurer of Respondent Rindone's controlled committee, Jerry Rindone for City Council. Respondents received six cash contributions of \$250, totaling \$1,500, in violation of Government Code section 84300, subdivision (a) (1 count). \$1,800 fine.

### **Campaign Money Laundering Violation**

**In the Matter of Lisa Ross-Woolson, FPPC No. 04/177.** Staff: Senior Commission Counsel Deanne Canar and Supervising Investigator Dennis Pellón. Respondent Lisa Ross-Woolson, also known as Lisa Ross, is a self-employed media consultant in San Diego. In September 2003, the Commission issued a Default Decision and Order in the Matter of Colin Flaherty, FPPC No. 99/783, imposing an administrative penalty of \$76,000 on Flaherty for, among other things, 36 violations of Government Code section 84301, commonly referred to as "campaign money laundering." Respondent Ross made five contributions on behalf of Flaherty, for which she was reimbursed, without disclosing to the recipients of the contributions that Flaherty was the true source of the contributions and other required information, in violation of Government Code section 84302 (5 counts). \$7,500 fine.

### **Conflicts of Interest and SEI Disclosure Violation**

**In the Matter of Larry C. Wahl, FPPC No. 99/097.** Staff: Senior Commission Counsel Deanne Canar and Investigator III Sandra Buckner. Respondent Larry C. Wahl, a former member of the Chico Planning Commission, and currently a member of the Chico City Council, failed to disqualify himself from making planning commission decisions

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involving local developers that had each contributed in excess of \$250 to his city council campaign during the preceding 12 months, and failed to disclose his receipt of the campaign contributions on the record of the proceedings in which those decisions were made, in violation of Government Code section 84308 (4 counts). Respondent Wahl also failed to fully disclose his reportable economic interests on three consecutive annual statements of economic interests, from 1997 through 1999, in violation of Government Code sections 87203 and 87206 (3 counts). \$12,000 fine.

#### **Late Contribution Report – Streamlined Program**

**Failure to Timely File Late Contribution Reports.** Staff: Chief Investigator Sue Straine, Investigator III Jon Wroten, and Political Reform Consultant Mary Ann Kvasager. The following persons and entities have entered into stipulations for failing to file late contribution reports that were due for the calendar year 2002, in violation of Government Code section 84200:

**In the Matter of Bohn & Bohn, Robert H. Bohn Jr., and Robert H. Bohn, FPPC No. 03/835.** Bohn & Bohn, Robert H. Bohn Jr., Robert H. Bohn of San Jose, failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$10,000 (1 count). \$1,500 fine.

#### **Statement of Economic Interests – Streamlined Program**

**Failure to Timely File Statements of Economic Interests.** Staff: Commission Counsel Jeffery A. Sly and Political Reform Consultant Linda Denly. The following persons have entered into stipulations for failing to timely file statements of economic interests, in violation of Government Code sections 87202, 87203, 87204 or 87300:

**In the Matter of Luis Pulido, FPPC No. 04/599.** Luis Pulido, a member of the 32nd District Agricultural Association Orange County Fair, failed to timely file a 2003 annual statement of economic interests, in violation of Government Code section 87203 (1count). \$100 fine.

**In the Matter of Robert Hattoy, FPPC No. 04/423.** Robert Hattoy, a commissioner for the state Department of Fish and Game, failed to timely file a 2003 annual statement of economic interests, in violation of Government Code section 87300 (1 count). \$100 fine.

**In the Matter of Russell Stewart, FPPC File No. 04/497.** Russell Stewart, a planning commissioner for the City of Coalinga, failed to timely file a 2003 annual statement of economic interests, in violation of Government Code section 87203 (1 count). \$100 fine.

**In the Matter of Ralph Morrow, FPPC File No. 04/348.** Ralph Morrow, mayor of the City of Avalon, failed to timely file a 2003 annual statement of economic interests, in violation of Government Code section 87202 (1 count). \$100 fine.

**In the Matter of James Langhorne, FPPC File No. 04/332.** James Langhorne, a member of the Santa Barbara City Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals, failed to timely file a 2003 annual statement of economic interests, in violation of Government Code section 87300 (1 count). \$100 fine.

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**In the Matter of Robert Boileau, FPPC No. 03/648.** Robert Boileau, a member of the California Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Commission, failed to timely file a 2002 annual statement of economic interests, in violation of Government Code section 87300 (1 count). \$250 fine.

**In the Matter of Ariane Terlet, FPPC No. 03/860.** Ariane Terlet, a member of the Dental Examiners Board for the California Department of Consumer Affairs, failed to timely file a 2002 annual statement of economic interests, in violation of Government Code section 87300 (1 count). \$500 fine.

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